

FWP COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: August 2, 2012

Agenda Item: 2013 Moose, Sheep, Goat, Mule Deer and Elk License Auctions

Division: Wildlife

Action Needed: Approval of Final Action

Time Needed on Agenda for the Presentation: 15 minutes

Background

As in past years, the FWP Commission adopted in June annual rules establishing the process for selecting conservation organizations to conduct the moose, sheep, mountain goat, mule deer and elk license auctions or lotteries. In response, FWP solicited proposals for 2013 to conduct the auctions/lotteries. The commission ultimately decides which organization is awarded the license(s) for distribution through auction or lottery.

The 2012 auction licenses were awarded to:

- Mule Deer Foundation–mule deer
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation–elk and moose
- Safari Club International Great Falls–mountain goat
- Wild Sheep Foundation–bighorn sheep

All licenses were auctioned at fund raising events.

Public Involvement Process and Results

The public had opportunity to comment during proposal and adoption of the auction rules. A letter of solicitation was sent to cooperators that have expressed interest. Proposals for 2013 auction licenses came from:

- Mule Deer Foundation–elk and mule deer
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation–elk and moose
- Safari Club International Great Falls–mountain goat
- Wild Sheep Foundation–bighorn sheep

Alternatives and Analysis

This format has been successful and FWP has not used alternative formats. Interest in auctioning these licenses has remained high, especially among the responding conservation organizations. Further, many of these conservation organizations have cooperated with FWP on other important conservation and management efforts.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

FWP typically does not make a specific recommendation to the commission related to awarding organizations auction licenses and has been asked by the commission to merely pass along the proposals.

Proposed Motion

I move the commission award the auction deer license to _____; the auction elk license to _____; the auction moose license to _____; the auction mountain goat license to _____; and the auction bighorn sheep license to _____.